

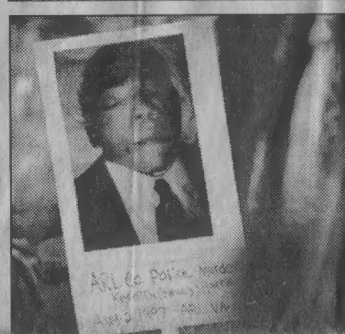
Victims call for national protest

Lucy Sanchez

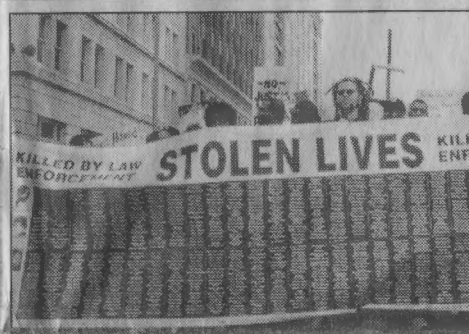
WASHINGTON DC — Walking in the spiritual legacy of the great Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., thousands of families poured into the Capitol from all over the country to protest police violence on April 3. The police murder of Amadou Diallo, 22, resparked a human rights movement in America where people of all races and ethnicities have bonded together to demand action from the federal government. The Center for Constitutional Rights (CCR) called on grassroots organizations, legal institutions, civil rights and human rights organizations, as well as labor and religious groups to charge the Capitol with their anguish, pain, and resolutions on the 30th anniversary of the assassination of Rev. Dr. King. Daniels of the CCR, demanded a moratorium for families, he requested the Clinton Administration to fund the families of police victims. He also called for in-depth federal investigation of police brutality and misconduct.

Rev. Paul Jakes, of Chicago, exclaimed to the post-masses that gathered outside of the Martin Luther King Jr. library that there was going to be a resurrection. "There's nothing that has been said here today that hasn't been said 50 years ago," preached Rev. Jakes. "It's as shame that at Easter Time we

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Thousands from all over the country marched to the Capitol in memory of their loved ones who were victims of police brutality.



NJ Golden Gloves is a K.O. in Plainfield

Jean H. Pierre
Staff Writer

PLAINFIELD — The sport of boxing has had a lot of criticism over the years, the most recent being the under Holyfield-Lennox Lewis decision last month. Corruption, bribery and cheating are some of the words used to describe the "sweet science." But the sport always finds a way to bring back the fans, especially thousands who came out to Plainfield High School on April 2nd to see the Tri-State Area's best young boxers compete in the 1999 New Jersey Golden Gloves Boxing Tournament.

For the second time in three years, the high school gymnasium was the site to showcase the area's up and coming talent as they tried to make a name for themselves among the elite boxers in the world. "This is as it all about — the truest form of competition between the fighters," says Bill Nickson of Bloomfield, who has been coming to the tournament since its inception in 1996. "This is where some of the greats in the sport began their careers. Hopefully these guys will do the same."

The Black United Fund (BUF) Health and Human Services Corporation Boxing Club hosted the famed tournament. Former Heavyweight Champion Gerry "Money" and former Lightweight Champion Ruben "Hurricane" Carter were some of the special guests on hand to survey the talent. "It's so nice to see people come out and support these fighters," said Carter. "The talent in the tournament is so good any of them will go out there and succeed."

The best fight of the night came between 147lb



Amateur competitor breaks in between rounds.

fighters Jerome Black and Al Tariq. Both fighters were exchanging punch for punch until Davis connected with a solid right that put Black to the floor and propelled him to victory. "I keep saying to myself 'one shot' then I got it," said Davis. "I got it and I won. Done!"

The tournament moves on to other sites in the state including Newark and Lakewood. The Golden Gloves began in 1923 as a way to promote and help youth in amateur competition and character enhancement. Corey Michaels is appreciative of programs like the Golden Gloves. "I was involved in the Golden Gloves in New York and I saw real change," said Michaels. "I didn't do so hot, but at least I had something positive to be involved in. Kids need this now in today's climate."

Racial profiling at its worst

(AP) — A second installment of arrest statistics released by the New Jersey State Police show three out of four people arrested on the state's busiest highway are minorities.

The latest figures show that of 222 arrests made on the New Jersey Turnpike during April and May 1997, 163 or 73 percent were minority motorists. They mirror arrest statistics released two months ago, showing 75 percent of arrests in January and February 1997 were of minorities.

The statistics, released to the Star-Ledger of Newark after a 10-month court battle with the state, also show the arrest figures for three troopers who have recently garnered headlines.

John Hogan and James Kenna, the troopers who fired on four unarmed minority passengers after pulling over their van last April, made 10 arrests during April and May of 1997 and all but one were of minorities. When January and February figures are added in, Hogan has 11 arrests for the four months, 10 of which are of minorities. Kenna had five arrests, all blacks.

Trooper Francis Burke, the

1997 Trooper of the Year, who was indicted last year on charges of soliciting bribes on the Turnpike, led all troopers with 24 arrests in April and May. Half were of minorities.

The figures are the latest in a series of criticism and intense scrutiny of the State Police, whose troopers have been accused of stopping motorists based on their skin color. The allegations have prompted at least four investigations involving the U.S. Department of Justice, the state Attorney General's Office and the State Police itself.

John Hagerty, a State Police spokesman, defended the work of the troopers who patrol the Turnpike, saying "the telling statistic" was that 84 percent of the cases that have gone through the judicial system have resulted in convictions.

Sen. William Gormley (R-Atlantic), cautioned against jumping to conclusions. "Yes, those statistics are obviously going to have to be considered," stated Gormley. "At the same time, we're going to ask what occurred, and to the best possible ability we're going to try to get answers."

He went from the city level all the way to the federal level and has only received what he called "blanketed responses" stating their thanks. "You have no where to turn and that's why you have this bottled corruption and brutality," stated Nance.

Tribute to Goya's corporate icon

By Lucy Sanchez
Staff Writer

NEWARK — "Si es Goya, tiene que ser bueno." Roughly translated this means if it's Goya, it has to be good! This infamous household name has become more than just ingredients found in my kitchen cabinets.

The product I previously associated with my favorite meals, such as "arroz con pollo" and "pasteles" transformed into an embrace

Joseph Unanue

ing new circle of friends.

Unfortunately, it was the untimely death of Joseph "Joey" Unanue, Executive Vice President of Goya Foods that will bring the heart and soul behind the largest Hispanic owned business in the United States to viewers across the country. The world is introduced to the business executive and loving father, Mr. Joey Unanue in a special feature produced by New Jersey Networks' producer and Newark native, Willie Sanchez.

"At 41-years of age, Joseph Unanue was already an icon in the corporate sector," says Sanchez. "More importantly, he was a visionary, an inspirational leader and a friend to his colleagues and to the Hispanic community. He lost his life to cancer but left a legacy of love and family values we can all admire."

The private screening of the video montage honoring Unanue captured his love of life and of people. The feature airing on NJN's series "Images/Imágenes" was entitled "The Story of Joseph F. Unanue, The Man, the Family and the Tradition."

As family and friends gathered in the Rehearsal Banquet Hall of the New Jersey Performing Arts Center on April 6 they shared personal stories and memories of Joey which brought tears and laughter to those closest to him. His family said Joey's courageous spirit made his last days the hardest because he smiled all the way to the end. When he was receiving bone marrow transplants for leukemia he was a little nervous about losing his hair in patches. So his younger brother, Andy shaved his head first just to show Joey he would be there every step of the way. Andy still wears his head shaved in remembrance of his brother.

Joey's younger sister Mari Unanue Norris, jokingly described her siblings relationship as four roses between two thorns. The thorns being Joey and Andy, of course. Norris and her 11-year-old daughter, Ashley described their fondest memories of Joey recalling his love to dance, to eat and his persistence in life. Norris stated "he saw life as an adventure." Even while in his last months in Seattle he managed to hang on and celebrate his youngest daughter's birthday. When this emotional segment appeared you could hear the sniffing throughout the room.

Joey was the third generation of the family owned and operated business of Goya foods which started in 1936 in downtown Manhattan. In his short life-span Joey has brought the \$700 million a year corporation to a higher level

Lucy Sanchez
Staff Writer

On the eve of Gov. Christie Whitman's announcement to run for U.S. Senate in 2000 she lashed out her disappointment at representatives of the NAACP, the

DeForest Soaries a half an hour prior to their noon press conference and did not outline their specific demands because they were "waiting for the glare of camera lights."

She also labeled comments made by Democrat Assemblyman

mer Superintendent Carl Williams racial statements linking minorities to drug trafficking. "We did not call him a racist," stated Tucker. "We indicated that there is a racist attitude in the hierarchy. There's been a straight out denial of racial profiling which is

reviewed the set of demands listed by the NAACP. Gov. Whitman's spokesperson, Wendi Patela, also stated she has not reviewed the demands as of yet. However, Patela stated Whitman has been very aggressive in conducting a comprehensive review of the state

Cracking down on NJ State Police

Community Calendar

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14

NEW BRUNSWICK — The New Jersey State Bar Foundation will hold a mock trial conference for elementary school leaders at the New Jersey Law Center 9:30 a.m. (732) 937-7519.

NEW YORK — The Rotunda of Low Memorial Library of Columbia University will be holding the 1998 Bancroft Prizes to recognize three Leading Historians beginning at 7 p.m. (212) 854-6395.

MAHWAH — Ramapo College hosts Hospice Foundation of America's National Bereavement Teleconference: Living With Grief at the Student Union beginning at 12:45 p.m. (201) 684-7602.

THURSDAY, APRIL 15

NEWARK — Amsterdam News editor and publisher, Elmer Tatum is the keynote speaker of Newark's 12th Annual Holocaust Commemoration beginning at 12:00 p.m. at North Reformed Church, 510 Broad St. (973) 733-8004.

SCOTCH PLAINS — The Mother's Center of Central New Jersey will hold an annual consignment sale at Crescent Presbyterian Church beginning at 9 a.m. (908) 561-1751.

FRIDAY, APRIL 16

NEWARK — Women In Support of the Million March (WISOMM) and Black Opps Against Police Brutality will hold a discussion on the American Prison System at Essex County College beginning at 6 p.m. (973) 291-1275.

SATURDAY, APRIL 17

BAYSHORE — The Monmouth County Park System will hold an Earth Day celebration at McMahon Park beginning at 10 a.m. (732) 975-9735.

CLINTON — The Hunterdon Museum of Art will exhibit the works of sculpture, Nancy Cohen beginning at 2 p.m. (908) 735-8415.

NORTH BRUNSWICK — The New Jersey Museum of Agriculture and The Garden State Wine Growers Association will host the 2nd Annual Fruits of Our Labor Spring Wine Festival at the Cook College Campus at Rutgers University beginning at 12 p.m. (609) 478-4460.

SUNDAY, APRIL 18

CLINTON — The Hunterdon Museum of Art presents the works of photographer B.D. Volzhor beginning at 2 p.m. (908) 735-8415.

RARITAN — Raritan Valley Community College presents the world renowned music group The Kuznetsovs at the Raritan Valley Community College Theater beginning at 7:30 p.m. (908) 826-1200.

TUESDAY, APRIL 20

NEW BRUNSWICK — The New Jersey State Bar Foundation will present a free public seminar on navigating through the Medicare-Medicaid Maze at the New Jersey Law Center beginning at 1 p.m. (732) 937-7518.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21

JERSEY CITY — New Jersey City University (NJCU) will hold a performance by SCREAM (Students Challenging Reality and Education Against Myths) Theater Players of Rutgers University on Sexual Assault at the Michael Gilligan Union located on the campus of NJCU beginning at 10 p.m. (201) 200-3426.

THURSDAY, APRIL 22

ELIZABETH — Community Access Institute will hold a support group with people living with disabilities at the institute's conference center beginning at 2:30 p.m. (908) 354-3040 ext. 272.

CRANFORD — Union County College will hold a lecture on biology and biomedical issues that will impact urban communities at the college's student center. Call (908) 709-7503.

JERSEY CITY — New Jersey City University (NJCU) will hold a lecture on higher education in urban communities. Featured speaker will be Secretary of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Andrew Cuomo at the Student Center beginning at 8 a.m. (201) 200-3426.

NEWARK — The Newark Emergency Services for Families Inc. will host a fund raising auction at the Newark Club beginning at 5 p.m. (973) 643-5727.

MONDAY, APRIL 26

JERSEY CITY — New Jersey City University (NJCU) will hold a discussion on Caribbean literature at Hegum Hall beginning at 3 p.m. (201) 200-3426.

THURSDAY, APRIL 29

EAST ORANGE — Rosanna Vitro will perform her brand of jazz at the Fox Seasons Supper Club at East Orange Golf Course as part of the 2nd Annual Fox Orange Civic Pride Golf Classic 5:30 p.m. (732) 467-8882.

Golf classic benefits medical day care center



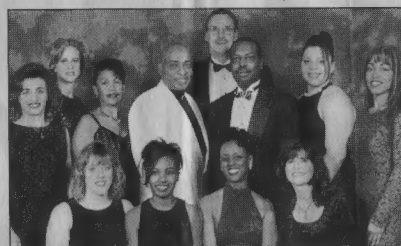
All set for the Second Annual Visiting Nurse Golf Classic to benefit the Rosemary Cucaro Pediatric Medical Day Care Center are (standing from left): Co-Chair Hook Schreiber and Day Care Director Jacqueline McReynolds. Seated from left: Barbara Slinger holding Day Care Student Angeli; and Committee Member students Ivie and Angel.

The ladies of Alpha Kappa Alpha award youth



Beta Alpha Omega of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. recently held its annual African-American History Celebration and Reading Essay contest. Essay winners and participants shown with members of the sorority. Standing L-R: third row - Felicia Wade, co-chairman of the Guidance and Education Committee, Sylvia Cyrus, pres. of Beta Alpha Omega, Winifred Waldron, vice president, and Bridget Venable, co-chairman of the Guidance and Education Committee.

Empowerment group celebrates in style



The People of African Descent Empowerment (PADEG) of NJ sponsored its Fourth Annual Celebration of Love. This event is a celebration of the gift that each person is to life. This year, PADEG celebrated in black-tie style at the Pines Manor in Edison. Committed to making a difference and transforming our communities, PADEG members continuously participate in transformational programs and seminars offered by Landmark Education Corp. Some of PADEG members hold leadership roles in the Landmark programs such as Self-Expression and Leadership. Pictured top row (l-r): Farra Tebbi-Lewis, Karin VanDyke, Monique Cooke, Melvin Allen, Frank Foye, Ernest Joseph, Karen Jordan and Missouri Eddings. Bottom row (l-r): Beth Hoppes, Pearl Belk, Phyllis Savage and Roseanne Dwyer.

Billion dollar partnership



AT&T sought the expertise of minority owned investment banking firm Blaylock and Partners, L.P., to create an unprecedented \$8 billion bond offering. "Our selection of Blaylock says as much about the growing importance of minority firms in the financial community as it does about AT&T," said AT&T Chairman & CEO Michael Armstrong. Pictured l-r: Blaylock & Partners Chairman & CEO Ronald E. Blaylock, Vice President Al Goh and AT&T CEO Michael Armstrong.

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Practices of ethnic cleansing and racial superiority have infiltrated our global community from Kosovo to Rwanda and even here in the United States. The arrogant and atrocious belief that one being or group of beings were created superior to others has led a countless number of men, women and children homeless, brutalized, tortured and dead.

Approaching our new millennium there's a lot of talk about the world coming to an end. Whatever, your religious beliefs may be it is said that when the world hits total chaos and disorder, when world powers are at war, and when you have brothers and sisters turning against each other it is the calm before the storm. These signs of global destruction should be a warning that our greed of seeking power, money and territory are leading us to the end of life as we know it today.

Will the world really come to an end when the clock strikes 12:00 a.m. on January 1, 2007? Will the Y2K bug really disrupt all computer generated machines and in turn shut down our technologically advanced society from hospitals to banks? Will nuclear warfare and biochemical terrorism create hell on Earth? Or is this all just fear of the close of a century and the end of a millennium?

I can't answer that, no mortal being can. However, I do know that instead of ethnic cleansing we should be practicing global cleansing. If we all did our history research we would know that there could be no supreme ethnicity from any one origin. From Africa no matter what shade of the rainbow spectrum your skin may reflect.

Secondly, just because you may have different cultural practices whether that be religious, customs, food, education, language, dress, or skin color, does not mean that you have the God mandated duty of "civilizing" others through "uncivilized" and barbaric behaviors. We must respect and embrace each other's differences rather than conforming to ignorance of the unknown or different.

Thirdly, we must treat nature as if it were our own bodies. If you continue exposing your body to radioactive chemicals, and polluting your life generating systems with soot as air, water and food, you are poisoning your body (and the children) then you are slowly committing suicide of a nation. All in life is a cycle that eventually comes waiting for you at your doorstep.

My point in closing is that if we are all from the same roots when you look at ethnic hate you are hating yourself and the very soul of your ancestors. When you create toxic chemicals for warfare or work force you are destroying the body of the Earth and in turn destroying your life support system. When you enslave whether that be through physical, mental or institutionalized slavery you are hurting your own spirit to a horrendous degree. If you believe in God, He knows it. He's all scientific, the laws of nature state gravity forces whatever you throw up to come down so if all you throw up is a falsehood of superiority and self-less, and torturous behaviors towards other human beings then a world of hell is bound to come crashing down on you.

Kosovo and the Muslim quandary

By Asik Muhammad

At last, President Bill Clinton has used the "G-word" concerning the Muslims, and it has made many, many people uncomfortable.

What human being is not uncomfortable at the very real prospect of coming right before his or her eyes?

Many people are uncomfortable because a world-wide alarm is now being sounded, with screaming, international coverage, around-the-clock cable news coverage, of this latest "G-word" incident. They are concerned because they don't recall the same level of outrage when, at other times more human beings were being slaughtered in Rwanda and Burundi, in Cambodia, in Latin America.

Other observers have to be more than a little confused when they see those who would normally be the proverbial political "doves," now bearing the drums of war in Congress, while the traditional "war hawks" on the American political landscape are now urging "caution," with regard to the use of military force against Serbia, Yugoslavia.

And of course the Muslim community, both in this country and around the world is divided, not in its outrage over the genocide against the ethnic Albanian victims, the Muslim population in this Yugoslavia, but in its province, but over the prospect of receiving aid from the very Western nations that have long been perceived as the Islamic world's modern-day adversaries. And let's not overlook the confusion resulting from reports that Iraq may be aiding the Serbs, in turn, against the Muslims.

It is not that revealing, is it, that the American leaders of the NATO attacks – the very same Americans who have subjected Iraq to similar bombing raids.

The bottom line for American peace activists is: When has American ever carpet-bombed a poor country in support of a truly just cause? The lingering suspicion is (and it's certainly true in his case as well) that there is some hidden economic agenda, driving the top level decision to intervene into what is essentially an 800-year-old civil war.

In his case the regime is not a miser-al-ah, it is a real history where there is literally no other remaining economic base. "Market-men" economic reforms have failed both the Albanian and the Yugoslavian economies in the dump-

ster. To put it simply, in late night comedy-show monologue terms: "The prospects of getting those terms to repair your Yugo Humblebee, are bleak, bleak, bleak."

Granted the methods employed by the Serbian leader in this case are distinctly "Hitlerian" – hatred of people born of the name "Federal" who, except for the accident of being born of a different faith, are the same people as those who are carrying out the persecution. Once again, this crisis involves the same people and rivalries which ignited both this country's World Wars. But the justified suspicion of American motives in this case does give cause for serious pause.

Now there is something new in this age-old feud. We saw it when the Capulets despised the Montagues in William Shakespeare's Verona. We saw it when the Hatfields and the McCoys settled their differences with senseless violence in the Ozark Mountains.

Now that has Muslims truly perplexed is the notion that this military "engagement" which was at first portrayed as another American-led "peacekeeping" mission, is now being turned in fact into an old fashioned test of wills. Instead of wiling into slaying their campaign to the level of genocide, which may result in the complete removal of the once dominant Albanian (Islamic) population in Kosovo, 90 percent to note.

And there we stand. Instead of appeasing a tyrant, as happened with Hitler, the United States may have provoked the tyrant, and sadly the simple "silver bullet" solution – bombing without committing troops – is not working. There appears to be little will to do what really must be done to contain him.

Hackensack 65 and Whitman's middle passage

Once the term "middle passage" meant the harrowing journey of captives from Africa to the new world and slavery in New Jersey. For Clinton Whitman has created her modern version of this barbarism with her March 4 arraignment in Hackensack of sixty-five African-American school employees from Newark, Paterson, Passaic, and East Orange.

Clinton's action creates an insurance kickback scheme run inside of the Prudential Insurance Company by Ridgewood psychiatrist Dr. Carl Lichtenman and his three lieutenants, who were indicted in the middle 1980s in false claim schemes. In 1996 he was found to be using the names of more than 300 school employees from all twelve districts statewide. Fifty-nine employees were suspended in Newark. All were African-American, although it is known that Clinton has a long history of suspending employees, however. Some other districts demanded only that employees reject demands they may have received.

Moreover, the State decided to investigate the Lichtenman operation inside Prudential. Thus, in 1996 the insurance premium, rate, and due process arose. These issues remain in the case of the Hackensack 65, with the addition of selective prosecution based on race. Clinton is now negotiating a question of the Hackensack 65's The person responsible for the situation is Whitman.

She confirmed her political responsibility at the Black Issues Convention held in Newark in 1997-by trying to toad. She did not want to be indicted and she had instructed the superintendent of the separate districts to handle the Lichtenman matter as they saw fit. Her actions in this case are not unique. The superintendent was only the specific form in which she chose a selective, unequal, and racist policy.

Whitman was running for reelection.

Pres. Clinton teaches violence and warfare to America's future

By Carolyn Bennett

Young people develop habits of violence by watching or hearing about violence in today's news. The Clinton-led NATO act of undeclared war against Serbian people in Kosovo, Yugoslavia, over the weekend showed the children of tomorrow that violence is better. Violence is the method of choice for solving problems and resolving conflict.

Assaulted by violence in graphics and graphic information, young people choose violence as the means by which they engage in human discourse. The reasons for this are not hard to find. The school, ground, war on college campuses, and war against nations. It's all the same. Young people learn that violence was argued for by Clinton. You want when you're feeling weak. It lets you cover up moral contradictions and blame others for your failings.

This is the message from the president. But it's not what he says to children, to teachers of children, and to the American Association that steadfastly supported his quest for the presidency.

Just last year and even several days ago, Clinton was talking about safety and zero tolerance for guns and violence in schools. Last summer he touted a guide book to identify warning signs of violence in the home. In the fall he held a White House conference on school violence. You would think he was seriously interested in the subject when he was writing by someone else is one thing. What he does in forming and carrying out foreign and domestic policy is another matter.

The American Academy of Pediatrics said, in a recent paper, some things most of us already know. "Children often learn by example."

Maybe children always learn by example from one source or another. There are very few stay-at-home moms these days, and even those who are home in the evening to a leisurely game of dominos and conversation with the kids. This means kids learn far more from the TV, the radio, the Internet, and the news than they do from at-home parents.

"Non-physical methods of discipline," says the American Academy of Pediatrics and teach them nonviolent ways to solve problems." The ACP paper said. And if you want nonviolent children, from seeing violent acts on the home or community, and keep [them] from seeing too much violence in the media." Just try it.

Recently, CNN made computer games of NATO's war against Yugoslavia. The producers orchestrated and choreographed with graphics "Strike against Yugoslavia" all over the end war entertainment. With their cameras near a launch site in Italy, the cable news network showed a field trip atmosphere of sightseeing bombing over the blast off for Kosovo – as 60 million people fled their homes, allegedly to escape Serbian atrocities. Or was it NATO bombs?

And back home gun free schools are a pipe dream. Words preoccupied by bad examples.

Despite the nationwide gun-free school laws that prohibit possession of a firearm on or near the property of a public school, gun use on school grounds is reported in the spring of 1998,

School Choice: The Civil Rights Issue of the '90s

By Daniel J. Cassidy

As a sixth grade public school student in 1963, I was asked to deliver a speech about brotherhood. My class had written to commemorate National Brotherhood Week. The riots that accompanied James Meredith's enrollment at the University of Mississippi had occurred a year earlier, and photographs of the dogs and fire hoses then being turned on demonstrators in Birmingham, Alabama, were fresh in the minds of Americans everywhere.

The closing words of that speech, suggested by my teacher, have remained with me ever since. They were the words of another Louisiana student, an African-American girl, who said in a forensics competition: "Take my hand for it is clean; take my heart, for it is true; do not refuse me justice because of the color of my skin; for if you do, I will refer you to God who made me."

The battle for universal civil rights, for freedom and opportunity for every American, has been the animating struggle of American history. A struggle the Congress and the Supreme Court have tried to use to this day James Meredith's struggle concerned the right of African Americans to attend the

college of their choice. Today's a growing number of parents, policy makers, and citizens are beginning to demand recognition for a new civil right, the right of poor Americans to send their children to the schools of their choice.

The opposition of modern-day teachers to school choice has placed them in direct conflict with poor inner-city parents, and with our American ideals of liberty and justice. The ultimate threat to government schools comes not from caring parents seeking the best school for their child, but from self-interest. Teachers, who secure generous salaries and benefits from monopoly school systems where in inner-city neighborhoods, one of every four students enter the ninth grade graduate.

In the years since delivering the Brotherhood Week speech, I have been invited to work in Congress for the late Senator Hubert Humphrey "D-Minn., and in the White House for former President George Bush.

However, it was only in the past five years, while working in the inner-city for a Detroit School District, that I fully grasped how far many of America's school system have strayed their ideals.

Weapons for our youth

By Marian Wright Edelman

In a recent paper written for a new group, Business Leaders for Sensible Priorities, Dr. Lawrence Korb, who was Assistant Secretary of Defense under Ronald Reagan, tells us that the United States has spent over \$2 trillion on national security services in the last 40 years. Korb estimates that our defense budget alone for this year would cost \$40 billion a year from our federal budget and still maintain the national debate on the

weapons we could buy for \$40 billion? I can't, weapons against preventable diseases and hunger, against poor education and substandard housing, and against violence and hopelessness in the neighborhoods, schools, and homes of this country.

Business Leaders for Sensible Priorities is taking its case to the people. With a year, multi-million-dollar national issues marketing campaign, they are seeking to redefine the national debate on federal spending priorities. The membership of this group includes business, labor, and military leaders, hard-headed, bottom-line businessmen who recognize that America's national security depends on educating our children, making our communities safe, and providing health care for our families in addition to keeping our national defense strong.

Companies such as Ben & Jerry's, Working Assets, Newmen's Own, banks, publishers, insurance companies, food manufacturers, and pharmaceutical companies, among others, have joined united retired admirals and generals in an effort to bring the issue of the voting public, through radio and television advertising, talk shows, the Internet, and a nationwide bus tour.

They hope to visit with unions, civic organizations, PTAs, youth, business, people, social service agencies, and elected officials, so that "every dollar spent on defending our country is spent wisely."

In today's global economy, every American child to be educated. American children and give them the skills they need to lead our country, and our great nation, to be invested in keeping America strong and safe for the future."

This unique joining of American business leaders and parents understand what it takes to run a profitable business and the foolishness of waste, with retired soldiers.

Marian Wright Edelman is president of the Children's Defense Fund and a working committee member of the Black Community Crusade for Children (BCCC).

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BUSINESS CALENDAR

THURSDAY, APRIL 15

MONTCCLAIR — Montclair State University will hold a business symposium on the economy in the new millennium at the Student Center beginning at 3:30 p.m. (973) 658-4533.

CRAWFORD — Union County College will hold a business course in buying your first computer beginning at 6 p.m. (908) 769-7600.

BRIDGEWATER — The Somerset County Chamber of Commerce presents a seminar on the key to good public relations at the Arbor Glen Conference Center beginning at 7:30 p.m. (908) 725-1552.

IRVINGTON — The Entrepreneurial Training Institute (ETI) will hold a seminar on starting and managing a business at the Irvington Senior Citizens Center beginning at 9 a.m. (973) 269-6688.

SATURDAY, APRIL 17

CRAWFORD — Union County College will offer a course in Excel for Windows beginning at 9 a.m. (908) 769-7600.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21

NEWARK — Regional Business Partnership presents a business breakfast series on the changing environment of business at the National Business Building beginning at 8 a.m. (973) 522-0099.

THURSDAY, APRIL 22

UNION — The Union County Economic Development Corporation will offer an introduction course in Electronic Data Interchange at Kean University's Willis Hall beginning at 9 a.m. (908) 527-1166.

CRAWFORD — Union County College will hold a seminar on conflict in the workplace beginning at 9 a.m. (908) 769-7600.

FRIDAY, APRIL 23

NEWARK — Sisters Inspiring Sisters To Achieve (SISTA) will hold an empowerment seminar and luncheon at Robert Treat Hotel beginning at 8 a.m. (973) 622-1000.

FRIDAY, APRIL 30

UNION — The Union County Economic Development Corporation will hold a training course and seminar on financial and technical assistance for small businesses beginning at 8 a.m. (908) 527-1166.

UNION — The U.S. Small Business Administration will hold a seminar on financial and technical assistance for small businesses beginning at 9 a.m. and time location.

How baby boomers can revitalize their resumes

By Barry Layne

Experience can be an asset and an obstacle to job hunting baby boomers. Creating an effective resume is critical to securing a first introduction to potential employers. The challenge is to overcome prejudices against older workers, demonstrate your expertise and highlight what you offer companies — in two pages or less.

If you're planning a resume overhaul, keep the following tips in mind:

• A resume is an overview of qualifications — not a life history. The worker over 50 has a tendency to provide too much detail about job responsibilities. Staff level applicants should submit single page resumes. When applying for executive positions, two page resumes are more effective.

• Information on the first page should include: name, complete address, e-mail address, web page address (if applicable), and relevant experience in the field you are applying to. Don't forget to put your name and phone number

on the top of the second page.

• Make sure your resume looks professional. Use quality paper of a professional color. Have your resume typed by a professional typewriter, or use a computer. Never use a typewriter because it looks dated. Make sure your resume has been proof read before sending it out. Avoid fancy typefaces and don't hand-write anything.

• A resume that is achievement oriented is recommended, because the emphasis is on skills rather than chronological history. Usually this type of resume lists selected achievements, based on skills you want to market, and quantifiable results. Select skills that demonstrate ability to reduce cost, increase sales, or improve the company's overall profitability. The transferability of marketable skills should be emphasized by using short general scenarios as examples.

• Concentrate on one well-written resume that targets your immediate job search and revise it to fit the requirements of the open position. If you consistently hear that you are overqualified, or are concerned that you have not effectively targeted your resume.

• Avoid listing all the years worked, "in-house" jargon, titles, and job changes. Employers are focusing on relevant updated skills. Also include value added accomplishments, this will help avoid the misconception that older workers are inflexible.

• Details such as age, marital status, gender, social security number, citizenship, and references should not be included. Indicate on the resume that reference information is available. Try to avoid abbreviations, and don't show salary or pay information.

The resume tips for workers over 50 are accepted ways of arranging information to prevent it in the best light. For more information about resume writing and career management call America's Career Maker, Barry A. Layne, Bernard Holdreke Associates, 100 Princeton Overlook Center, Princeton, NJ 08540. Tel: (609) 987-0400.

Financial planning and physical health

Part II



Dale Caldwell

I mentioned last week that maintaining your physical health is one of the most important things that you can do to enhance your financial health. Medical care is so expensive these days that you should do anything that you can to minimize your share of illness. By reducing your medical expenses you will have more money for investments. In my last column I discussed the importance of having excellent blood health. This week I discuss the importance of maintaining.

Nutrition

There are many excellent nutritional programs. I believe that the Zone Nutrition Program as described by Dr. Barry Sears in his book called "Entering The Zone" is one of the best. Of course, before you follow a nutrition program or exercise program you should consult a physician. The goal of the Zone Nutrition Program is to help you achieve hormonal balance by eating properly and regulating the insulin that your body produces. This program will help you think better (by maintaining stable blood sugar levels), perform better (by increasing oxygen transfer to your muscles), look better (by shedding excess body fat), minimize the probability that you will be ill and never be hungry between meals (because your brain is being supplied constantly with blood sugar).

The program is very simple. At every meal and snack, you should have an approximate ratio of seven grams of protein (Dr. Sears calls this one block of protein) to every nine grams of carbohydrates (one block of carbohydrates) to every 1.5 grams of fat (one block of fat). Dr. Sears has developed a living of what constitutes a block of protein, carbohydrates and fat. Your goal is to have equal blocks of protein, carbohydrates and fat at each meal. How many blocks of each do you need each day. This depends on your "Lean Body Mass" (everything but the fat on your body) and how active you are (if you exercise more than 2.5 hours a week than your activity factor is nine). The calculation is as follows:

Multiply Lean Body Mass (Times) Activity Factor (Divided by) 7 (=)

The Number of Blocks Per Day of Protein, Carbohydrates and Fat

The basic Zone Nutrition Program requirements are that you eat five times a day (three meals and two snacks), drink 64 ounces of water per day, never eat more than five hours go by without eating a Zone meal or snack, try to not have more than five blocks of protein, carbohydrate or fat per meal and make sure you have equivalent blocks of each. *Mastering The Zone* has some suggested recipes (already broken down by blocks) that I encourage you to look at. *Controlling Your Weight: Book of Food Counts* lists foods and the amount of protein, carbohydrates and fat that they contain. Dr. Sears recommends that you use this book to create your favorite Zone meals. I have included below some portion sizes of protein, carbohydrates and fats equal to one block. Eating well is a great way to stay healthy and avoid costly medical bills. By minimizing these bills you will have more money for your goals.

Health Chart

One Block of Protein Best Choices

Beef 1 oz.
Chicken breast, skinless 1 oz.
Chicken breast, skinless 1 1/2 oz.
Turkey breast, skinless 1 oz.
Turkey breast, skinless 1 1/2 oz.
Egg Whites 2
Egg substitutes 1/4 cup

One Block Carbohydrates

Favorite Carbohydrates
Green Beans 1 cup
Mushrooms (boiled) 1 cup
Green or red peppers 3
Lettuce, iceberg (6" diameter) 1 head
Cabbage, shredded 1 1/2 cup

Mushrooms, chopped 6 cups
Tomato 2
Tomato, chopped 1 1/4 cup
Oatmeal (cooked) 1/3 cup
Apple 1/2
Blackberries 3/4 cup
Grapes 1/2 cup
Cranberries 1/2
Orange 1/2
Peach 1
Pear 1/2

One Block Fat. Best Choices

Peanuts 6
Peanut Oil 1/3 cup
Peanut Butter, natural 1/2 cup
Olive Oil 1/3 cup
Canola Oil 1/3 cup

The power you need is within yourself

By William Reed

It is time to become a more powerful person because it is only when you have power that you can truly have control over your life, level of success, and degree of happiness. Too many blacks lack power as if it is a bad thing. The only problem with having power is that too few people have too much of it and too much power in too few hands leads to the corruption and abuse that hinders most blacks. The way to avoid being abused by people with power is to be powerful yourself.

Power is simply the ability to get things done either by your own actions or by influencing or temporarily controlling the behavior of others. Power is a zero-sum game. The more power somebody else has over your life, the less power you have over it. To be truly in control of your life, you must seek personal power. Also, note that in American society the terms money and power are synonymous. There are some personal power tips:

1. Be Good At Something: Mediocrity and incompetence are two of the greatest problems for blacks. Too many people are in positions of authority and influence who are simply not good at what they are paid to do. You must stand out from the crowd in terms of your ability to get things done. This is power!

2. Gain Specific And General Knowledge: While just about everyone will have an area of specialization, it is

a serious mistake to over specialize. If you do, you are undervaluing yourself. Having deep knowledge in more than one area of life is power. Life is multifaceted. The key is to obtain the correct balance.

3. Organize Around An Issue: Move on an issue that is important to you. Don't wait for someone else to do it for you what you feel needs to be done. Organize your building or your block and link-up with other building or block organizations. Keep organizing and building-up through the neighborhood, town and state levels up to the national level. Don't rely on single individuals for leadership. Create committees or councils to give all a level of power.

4. Develop A Network Of Friends And Associates: There is simply a limit to what you can accomplish by yourself. Powerful people are never lonely. They always have friends they can rely upon as well as a network of contacts. Simply put, "what" you know is most important but "who" you know counts in a strong second place. You must balance the two, the ability of having good knowledge and good associates is power!

5. Be A Person Of Your Word: You should be slow to promise something. But when you do, deliver on your promise. Most people fail to live up to promises not because they get lazy or deceive or manipulate but because they simply over commit. You must learn to say "no" when your time and resources

will not allow you to fulfill a request. If you follow this practice, you will limit your promises, fulfill the ones you make and be a person with a positive reputation.

6. Look Your Best: Almost by nature, human beings lean toward the superficial. There is virtually no way around this. The vast majority of people with whom you have contact will never really get to "know" you. Thus, the image you project and the impressions you give are tools of power. Having substance is most important but there is nothing wrong with supplementing that substance with a powerful image.

The power you need is within you, yes. We have no current leaders willing to do the things African Americans need to be real forces in this society. Instead of true leaders who Black Americans presently have at the forefront, seeking publicity and photo opportunities in Establishment media. If we are ever to be a strong and powerful force in this country, it's up to you and me.

(William Reed is publisher of Who's Who in Black Republic, Inc., 2054 National Press Building, Washington, D.C. 20015 - recommendations being accepted)

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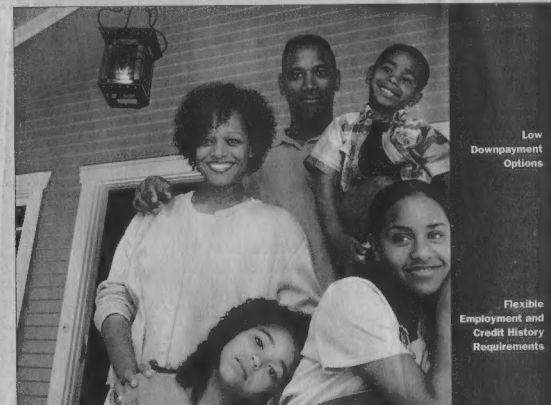
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RELIGION CALENDAR

SATURDAY, APRIL 17

NEW BRUNSWICK — The First Reformed Church and the 5th Avenue Players present *Godspell*, an original pop-rock-gospel musical starting at 8 p.m. 1750-546-1005.

SATURDAY, APRIL 24

PLAINFIELD — Rose of Sharon Community Church will present an all-star gospel concert with special guest Sensational Singing Nightingales beginning at 8 p.m. (908) 581-0070.

SUNDAY, APRIL 25

NEWARK — A Gospel play written and directed by Celeste Bateman entitled *We Have the Victory* will be at Bethany Baptist Church beginning at 8 p.m. (973) 709-8253.

FRIDAY, APRIL 30

NEWARK — Celeste Bateman & Associates presents the Gospel Play *We Have the Victory* at Bethany Baptist Church beginning at 8 p.m. (973) 709-8253.

Baptist leader sobs as sentenced, fined

By Pat Leisner

LARGO, Fla. (AP) — Sobbing as he pleaded for mercy, the Rev. Henry Lyons was sentenced to 5 1/2 years in prison for swindling more than \$4 million while presiding over one of the nation's largest and most influential black denominations.

The 57-year-old minister was also ordered to repay almost \$2.5 million. "I cannot shake the feeling that I have lost so many people down," Lyons told Circuit Judge Susan Schaeffer.

Lyons was convicted Feb. 27 of bilking companies wanting to sell cemetery products, life insurance policies and greeting cards to members of the Nashville, Tenn.-based National Baptist Convention USA. He also was found guilty of stealing funds donated to rebuild burned Southern black churches.

Lyons and his alleged mistress, convention publicist Bernice Edwards, were accused of spending the money on luxury homes, cars, jewelry and travel.

Lyons faced up to eight years in prison under sentencing guidelines. The judge ordered him to Pinellas County Jail immediately, despite defense pleas for a 90-day delay. It would have allowed him to remain free until his mid-June sentencing in federal court for fraud and tax evasion growing out of the same case.

"The jury has said you're a racketeer and they said you're a thief... It's time to pay the piper, Dr. Lyons," Schaeffer said.

A weeping Lyons apologized, particularly for the theft of almost \$2,000,000 from the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, money intended to rebuild burned churches.

"I've asked God every single night and day to forgive me for this," Lyons said, crying. "And I ask the court and I ask America and I ask black people to forgive me because I believe that it will mean the rest of my life. I really do."

"I ask for mercy," Lyons said. The judge received about 115 letters from friends and supporters seeking leniency. Five supporters and Lyons' wife and lawyers spoke on his behalf.

Lyons' sentencing in federal court is set for June 18. His lawyers said that under sentencing guidelines, he will probably serve five to 7 1/2 years.

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Religion

Cardinal plans prayer service for racial injustice

NEW YORK (AP) — An interfaith prayer service is planned for next month at St. Patrick's Cathedral in what Cardinal John O'Connor calls the beginning of a new look at racial issues.

O'Connor said the service, scheduled for April 20, grew out of meetings he's held on how the Catholic Church should respond to such tragedies as the Bronx killing of Amadou Diallo, an unarmed black man who was shot 19 times by four white police officers on Feb. 4.

Positively Black

The folly of worshipping someone else's image

By Reneo Ricardo Stanton

"We are one of the few peoples on the face of the earth who do not worship a God that reflects us. As long as we keep kneeling to a white male figure, how are we going to overcome the feeling that this white male is superior to us?" Willie Cobb.

When the European emerged in the 15th and 16th centuries, for the second time, they not only colonized most of the world, they colonized information about the world and they also colonized images, including the image of God, thereby putting us in a trap, for we are the only people who worship a God whose image we did not choose. The late Venerable Dr. John Henrik Clarke.

(NNPA) — The Encyclopedia of Religion defines the word worship as, "renewed self-commitment to God. It is the practice of whatever rites, ceremonies or other means may serve to put the individual under the control of God, and to bring him or her into closer communion with the other enthrallments and constraints that resist this divine working."

How ironic that this book should define worship that way...renewed self-commitment to God.

Africans forcibly brought to North America were not allowed to practice self-commitment to their indigenous concepts of God. Our ancestors were thwarted from putting themselves under the control of God's creativity or being fully functioning human beings; mentally, physically, emotionally or spiritually. They were stripped of their cultures, belief systems, cosmologies and humanity. They were forced to acquiesce to white supremacy. African ideas about the nature of God were forbidden. In their place were juxtaposed a blond, blue-eyed Jesus, a humanism of the Semitic God Yahweh depicted and extolled as a white male by Europeans. Our ancestors originally resisted the absurdity that race and color and creator of the universe was anything like the ogres responsible for their hellish condition.

Africans believed in vitalism, the idea that all creation contained an essential energy, vital force or power. Every person, every animal, tree, rock, stream or blade of grass has vital energy, they held.

It was an integral part of who and what they were. They believed the vital force in objects like talisman or "charms" could enhance or diminish their personal vital energy. (The idea of vitalism was misunderstood and vilified by Europeans to be a

The cardinal made the announcement at the close of Palm Sunday services and said the date of the service was chosen to avoid conflicts with upcoming Christian, Jewish and Muslim holidays.

"It is my own hope that the prayer service will be but the beginning of a new look at racial injustice in our society and an effort to bring all of us to recognize the sacredness of every human person, of every race, color, ethnic background or religious persuasion," O'Connor said.

superstitious belief in magic.) It is not unreasonable to surmise that our ancestors' excluded Europeans overcame them and ultimately exercised power over them by manipulating some potent force which manifested itself through their violent technology and their ability to nullify the natural order as Africans conceptualized it. Perhaps that is why so many of our people have embraced the white man's god.

We now know otherwise. Europeans are not more godly, they are more violent, deceitful and ruthless. Regardless of nationality, whites used their religion, armies and educational systems to undermine and supplant the indigenous socio-moral fabric of the cultures they invaded. Neither they, nor their god concept is more powerful than we are.

Now that we know that, what do we do? The first thing we need to do is worship a God of our own choosing...one we naturally relate to. Caucasians are unqualified to tell us anything about God or morality! We should cease attending religious services, reading books or following clergy who characterize God as a white man; or who even refuse to openly challenge the notion that God was a white man. We have to equally reject any ideas about a savior/God painted brown or black by a denomination/clergy that promulgates a racist, gender chauvinistic theology.

So-called Afrocentric Christians can't prove to Roman Catholic/European Protestant theology and liturgies while totally ignoring the older tradition of African, Coptic, Ethiopian or Abyssinian customs.

We have the responsibility and moral obligation to resurrect our African spiritual heritage. We have nothing to be ashamed of. If we knew how spiritually powerful our ancestors really were, we would be up there doing great things. The essence of African spirituality/science was the understanding that all creation is solidified energy, energy that vibrates at differing frequencies. The source of this life is the spirit we call God. Part and parcel to the idea of vitalism, Africans strove for balanced, harmonious and ethical relationships between people and nature.

This is logical since all creation is one unified energy field. The bottom line is, "the Kingdom of God is within you." (Luke 17:20) Spirit permeates our beings in form of animating energy and consciousness. We are divine beings. When we truly understand this we will envision ourselves differently and act accordingly.

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Sharpton said he would announce plans to further protest once the police officers involved in the Diallo shooting are arraigned. The Associated Press reported last week that the officers would face second-degree murder charges when an indictment is unsealed this week. Other news organizations also reported the impending indictment.

Meanwhile, Mayor Rudolph Giuliani said in an interview with *Newsweek* magazine that abuse of power, not brutality, is the New York

Police Department's biggest problem.

"Brutality happens, but in the late 1990s, it's an aberration," he said. "The real ongoing problem is disrespectful treatment, or abuse of power — meaning a feeling someone is being picked on because of the color of their skin, with nasty or racial epithets."

Giuliani said that if the officers who shot Diallo are not convicted, he does not expect rioting like Los Angeles experienced in the Rodney

King case. "This is a different time, it's a different community," Giuliani said. "We deal with civil unrest almost on a regular basis. And I think the conditions in the community are different."

A new Daily News poll found the mayor's popularity at an all-time low — a 40 percent approval rating, down from 60 percent in November and 63 percent a year earlier.

The margin of error was plus or minus 4 percentage points.

Gospel CD committed to fighting AIDS

Los Angeles, CA — All proceeds of the latest CD from gospel veteran Bishop Carl Bean and the Unity Fellowship Church National Mass Choir will be donated to help minorities and poor people living with AIDS. The CD, entitled *Right Now*, features traditional gospel style with a nontraditional twist.

Tracks include radio hits, "You Passed Me By" and "It'll Be Alright," which not only uplift gospel lovers with their powerful vocal delivery, but also educate listeners to the realities of society's downtrodden.

"As the number of HIV/AIDS cases continues to rise in communities of color, so does the request for food, clothes, medicine, housing and hospice care. As with everything else in America, somehow the big dollars never get to the poor," said Rev. Alfredo Lano, director of marketing for L.F.E. RECORDS, "Right Now is an opportunity to change that dismal fact by donating money directly to an organization which exists to serve minorities and the poor."

Bishop Bean, who has championed the needs of Christianity's dispossessed for over 15 years, heads the Minority AIDS Project which feeds, clothes and houses those living with AIDS in the African American, Latino and poor communities across the nation. His ministry at Unity Fellowship Church uses the slogan, "God is Love and I Love You For Evermore."

"It is truly beautiful to see people of all backgrounds come together in the spirit of love to fight against HIV/AIDS in order to serve communi-

ties," said Bishop Carl Bean. "This is an invidious virus and we are uniting in full force to assist those left in a horrific wake."

Bishop Bean, who sang with gospel greats the Gospel Wonders of New York and the Gospel Chimes of Chicago among others, has a proven track-record of assisting people living with HIV and AIDS. He founded the Minority AIDS Project in 1983 in response to the rising occurrence of HIV and AIDS and the subsequent social alienation of its victims. Like his ministry at Unity Fellowship Church, the Minority AIDS Project opens its door to those in need regardless of sexual orientation, financial status or age.



Bishop Carl Bean

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Health Calendar

THURSDAY, APRIL 15

EDISON — JFK Medical Center will hold its 18th Annual Career Options Day at the conference center beginning at 9 a.m.

FRIDAY, APRIL 16

NEW BRUNSWICK — Robert Wood Johnson will hold the Fifth Annual Patient Conference on Chronic Fatigue Syndrome at the hospital's courtyard beginning at 10:30 a.m. (732) 937-8521.

BELLEVILLE — Clara Maess Medical Center will celebrate Earth Day with a campus Beautification & Clean Up beginning at 9 a.m. (973) 450-2115.

CRANFORD — The Central Park League presents the Spring Craft Fair at the Central Park Center beginning at 9 a.m. (908) 770-1900.

MONDAY, APRIL 19

TEANECK — Holy Name Hospital will sponsor a free educational lecture on allergy and asthma at the hospital's Marian Hall beginning at 7:30 p.m. (201) 833-3186.

TUESDAY, APRIL 20

NEW BRUNSWICK — The New Jersey State Bar Foundation will present a free public seminar on Medicare-Medicaid at the New Jersey Law Center beginning at 1 p.m. (732) 857-7918.

Health and wealth: Women are different... or are they?

COLUMBUS, OH — Much statistical research over the past 40 years has found that higher death rates go hand in hand with lower socioeconomic status: the lower the income and education level, the higher the mortality rate.

But the "rule" didn't seem to apply to women as well as to men, so Peggy McDonough, Ph.D., of York University in Toronto and her colleagues studied data collected on 5,665 men and women from 1972 to 1991, focusing on the death-risk influences of gender differences in the workplace and household, in income and education, and other factors.

They report in the March issue of the *Journal of Health and Social Behavior* that earlier data doesn't adequately predict women's mortality risks primarily because the socioeconomic measures used in those studies were tailored to men's position in the labor market, but not to women's. The occupation, education, and income of the male household head generally was used as a marker for the socioeconomic position or status of the entire family.

"Conceptually, this 'conventional' view implies the existence of a family-based class position," the researchers write. "Empirically, it means assigning women to the occupational class of male relatives."

That conventional view fails to consider the ways in which gender is a fundamental element of socioeconomic status, the scientists say. It doesn't take into account the different patterns of job concentration for men and women, and doesn't reflect the hierarchy of women's jobs. Significantly, it ignores women who are not in the paid labor force.

Once gender-sensitive criteria were in place and used on the study subjects, the researchers found no difference in the effects of men's and women's socioeconomic status on their mortality risk. The same factors worked in the same way for both.

But they also discovered a new wrinkle: a fundamental difference in how increasing the income of one spouse affects the mortality risk of the other. They found that a husband's increased income lowers the wife's mortality risk, but increasing the wife's income raises men's odds of dying.

The team raised several possible explanations of this and said further research would have to answer such questions: Could it be because the wife's increased earnings lower the husband's sense of power or self-esteem? That more hours in the workplace allow women less time for activities that buttress their husbands' health? Or might it reflect that wives have to increase their earnings when their husbands' health declines?

The research was supported by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Investigator Awards in Health Policy Research.

African Americans at risk for kidney failure

HERNDON, VA — Americans of African descent have an unfortunate association with a life-threatening condition that is becoming increasingly common in the United States — end-stage renal disease (ESRD), or total kidney failure, which afflicts African Americans at more than 2.5 times their representation in the U.S. population.

Of the 335,000 Americans with ESRD and who require regular dialysis treatment or a kidney transplant to stay alive, 32 percent are African Americans. However, this ethnic group makes up only 12.7 percent of the total U.S. population. The disparity is cause

for concern at the American Society of Nephrology (ASN), a not-for-profit organization of researchers and clinicians specializing in kidney diseases.

There may be some genetic influences that predispose certain ethnic groups to kidney disease. However, African Americans should be alert to two main causes — diabetes and high blood pressure — which account for more than half of all new ESRD cases and which themselves affect a disproportionately high percentage of African Americans.

According to the experts at the ASN, the linkage between African

Americans, diabetes and high blood pressure is the leading cause of their high ESRD rates.

You can lower your risk of kidney disease by getting regular checkups that include screening for diabetes and high blood pressure. In addition, a simple urine test can screen for the presence of high amounts of protein in the urine, a sign of kidney abnormalities.

Some tips to help anyone avoid kidney trouble are:

- Don't smoke.
- Maintain your appropriate body weight.
- Exercise.

• Get regular checkups to ensure maintenance of normal blood pressure.

If you or someone close to you has kidney disease, seek the advice of a qualified nephrologist — a kidney specialist — as soon as possible. Measures are available that, if started early enough, can slow disease progression. Knowing your risk for ESRD and taking an active role in the health of your kidneys will go a long way toward reversing the troublesome link between African Americans and life-threatening kidney failure.

Protect your child from ticks

FREEDHOLD — The Monmouth County Health Department is pleased to announce it has received a free supply of Lyme disease prevention information, including videos, handbooks, brochures, and even a display for fairs or meetings. This free program, named the "Lyme Disease County Education Kit" is courtesy of the Lyme Disease Foundation of Hartford, CT, in conjunction with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Together as partners, they hope to increase public awareness about prevention of tick-bites and obtaining early diagnosis and treatment of tick-borne disorders.

"Learning how to avoid and treat Lyme disease should be a top priority for parents, schools, camps, and just about anyone spending time enjoying the outdoors," said Michael A. Medlis, Assistant Public Health Coordinator. "I am grateful to the LDF and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for providing this information to us, so we can help our community."

These programs can be used by school and business, at local events, and can be lent to civic groups. There is even a program with instructions on how to

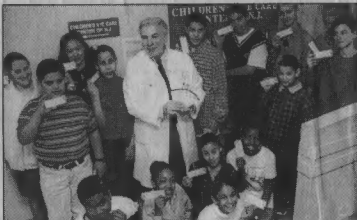
organize and conduct a self-help group for patients and their families.

This information is being lent to the community free of charge. The kit includes:

- Lyme Disease: Facts for Kids video — 4 programs, bilingual, open captioned.
- Lyme Disease: What You Should Know — 12 hour video program.
- Lyme Disease Slide Show with 20 slides and script.
- Workplace Awareness & Prevention — video and implementation handbook.
- Lyme Disease: Self-Help — videos, organizing handbooks, press releases, member guide.
- Video Public Service Announcements and scripts for use by local TV stations.
- Audio Public Service Announcements and scripts for use by local radio stations.
- Table Display Board and carrying case.
- Sample brochures.

This material is available for loan by contacting the health dept. at (732) 431-7456.

NJ Nets help these youth leave the doctor's office smiling



Dr. Anthony Caputo, director of the Newark Eye & Ear Infirmary and the Children's Eye Care Center of New Jersey at Columbus Hospital, presents Newark students with New Jersey Nets tickets.

NEWARK — The Children's Eye Care Center of New Jersey and the Newark Eye & Ear Infirmary have teamed up with the New Jersey Nets Corporate Community Partnership to select honor students from grades five through eight to see the April 7 Nets vs. the Atlanta Hawks on New Jersey's Newark Eye & Ear Infirmary, through a generous donation made by Virginia Haines, Executive Director of the New Jersey Lottery. The tickets were presented to Christopher Paliz, Vency Reyes, David Canela, Jamilla Hall, Martina Jean-Louis, Shanta Powell, Yessenia Barria, Thalene acquet, Samantha Foster, Jaime Horvath, Jeffrey Estivera, Nerissa Bacchus, Rashadine Sorey, Taran Barnes, and Angel Melendez by Dr. Anthony Caputo, Director of the Children's Eye Care Center of New Jersey and the Newark Eye & Ear Infirmary.

"We are pleased to have an opportunity to partner with the Nets and the New Jersey Lottery in recognizing the outstanding achievements of these honor students," said Dr. Caputo. "This is an excellent way to reward excellence in education, while affording these children a chance to do something they may not have an opportunity to do on a regular basis," added Dr. Caputo.

The Newark Eye & Ear Infirmary's ENT (Ear, Nose and Throat) Program has recently relocated to the second floor of Columbus Hospital to meet the growing needs of its patient population. The ENT program has six otolaryngologists (ear, nose, and throat specialists), an audiologist, and advanced medical equipment, along with improved services for infants, children, and adults.

Black women on the rise to better health



Very little research has been done on African-American women and exercise. With this in mind, Essence magazine recently teamed up with the YWCA of the U.S.A., Sporting Goods Manufacturers Association and the Fitness Products Council to examine exercise practices and attitudes of African-American women. The fitness survey found that the number-one reason black women work out is to improve their health, followed by a desire to lose weight. Black women are also more likely

to exercise at home or outdoors than in a health club. Pictured left to right: Denise West, Essence's corporate marketing director, Alpha Alexander, Ph.D., special asst. to the CEO, YWCA of the U.S.A., Donna Richardson, leading fitness motivator, Ziba Kashef, Essence's senior health editor, Ketrá Armstrong, Ph.D., asst. professor of sports management at Ohio State University and Judy Mahle Lurie, co-founder of the Melanepine Institute for Women's Health Research.

Governor creates task force on mandated health insurance

TRIDENT — Gov. Christie Whitman signed Executive Order 92, which created the 13 member Task Force on Mandated Health Insurance Benefits to evaluate the impact on the quality of health care and the cost of health care from mandated health benefits currently required by state law and regulations.

"It is in the public interest to ensure that an appropriate balance is struck between the mandated benefits that state law requires to provide to its insured and allowing insurers flexibility to structure their policies in a cost efficient manner to maximize resources available for the delivery of quality health care," the Governor said in her executive order.

In addition to evaluating the impact on the quality of health care and impact on the cost of health care from mandated health benefits, the Task Force also will: 1) Assess the anticipated health benefits and estimated costs resulting from pending legislative efforts to impose additional mandated health benefits.

2) Identify and analyze cost-effective ways to minimize the impact of approved mandated benefits upon the health care system.

3) Develop recommended guidelines for determining whether additional benefits should be mandated in the future.

4) Consult with the Health Wellness Promotion Advisory Board in the Dept. of Health and Senior Services, which is charged with reviewing medical testing and services that will encourage health care consumers to engage in healthy lifestyle behaviors.

The Task Force, which will hold at least two public hearings, will present its findings and recommendations to the Governor within one year.

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NEWARK — The New Jersey Symphony Orchestra presents a tribute concert to legendary jazz composer Duke Ellington at the Newark Museum's Billy Johnson Auditorium beginning at 1:30 p.m. 1-800-ALL-EGRO.

NEWARK — The New Jersey Performing Arts Center (NJPAC) presents the international renowned *Lord of the Dance* starring Michael Flatley beginning at 3 p.m. 1-888-GO-NJPAC.

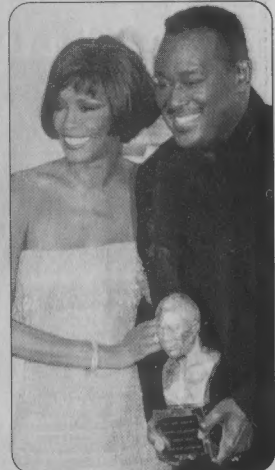
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NJ Nude Olympics runs its course at Princeton

PRINCETON (AP) — Princeton's streak has come to an end. After nearly 25 years of allowing students to run naked through the campus on the eve of the first snowfall, a Princeton University representative released a report recommending the school ban the Nude Olympics.

The recommendation comes after a particularly out of control event in January where drunken revelers grabbed women, couples had sex and students urinated on each other. Six students were taken to the hospital for alcohol poisoning. The report, which is expected to be formally adopted by President Harold will charge students with a minimum one-year suspension.

Clinic provides free health care to homeless in Camden

CAMDEN (AP) — A day after passing out in a barbershop chair, Harry Goerke decided to seek medical attention at a free clinic that is targeting a growing population in this impoverished city: the homeless.

Dubbed Project Hope, the clinic in North Camden caters exclusively to the homeless, offering comprehensive medical services in a converted rowhouse. Every Tuesday, walk-ins can seek medical screenings and treatment. Nearly 60 patients have passed through the clinic, known as Leavenhouse, since it opened in January. The clinic only treats adults, and most of the patients so far have been men between ages 30 and 60.

A poor city of 87,000, Camden has an estimated homeless population of 3,500, said Amy Reeder, administrative director of Project Hope. Street-wise volunteers know where to find them: vacant houses and beneath highway underpasses.

Black Ministers Council announces Statehouse rally on April 23

TRENTON (AP) — The Black Ministers Council of New Jersey will stage a Statehouse rally to draw attention to the shooting last year of three unarmed men by New Jersey state troopers, the group announced.

The group scheduled the rally for April 23, the one year anniversary of the incident, which remains the subject of a secret grand jury investigation. The shooting triggered a statewide controversy and growing allegations that the state police stop motorists on the basis of their race.

Documents were recently released showing that most of those arrested on the New Jersey Turnpike during two months in 1997 were minorities, and that has fueled the fire.

Caucus officials hope to hear from people who claim to have been stopped by the state police because of race. The caucus set up a hot line, 1-877-230-6200, to attract calls from witnesses.

HIP closes its doors after 27 years

TRENTON (AP) — The scene at the HIP Health Plan of New Jersey facility was repeated on March 31, in at least 16 other health centers across the state as the state's fourth largest HMO closed its doors after 27 years.

For the 387 displaced employees and an unestimated number of policyholders it marked a day of anxiety and confusion. For others, like Boone, Duggins and eight other employees here, March 31, 1999 just meant closure.

Superior Court Judge Jack Lintner extended the deadline until April 15 for HIP members to sign up with a new insurer without a lapse in coverage. All HIP members who make their full premium payment by April 15 will be guaranteed coverage retroactive to April 1.

Patients who need their medical records after Thursday are advised to call 800-240-7524. Consent forms also are available on the Internet at www.naic.org/nj/HIOMEDEP.HT ML, or www.njhip.org, or www.msng.org.

Union County honors Plainfields star athlete

UNION COUNTY — High school senior Jason Williams of Plainfields has had quite a year. First he signed a letter of intent to play basketball for Duke. Next, he was chosen as McDonald's National Player of the year with a trip to Iowa to play in the All-American game. Just this week, he was a guest on the Rosie O'Donnell Show followed by a flight to St. Petersburg, Fla., for the NCAA Final Four. And it doesn't end there. He will play in the AAU all-star game in Hampton, VA., the Nike Hoops Summit all-star game, again in St. Petersburg, Fla. and a quick trip to Washington DC to play in the Capital Classic all-star game. But before the entire nation got to see his talents, he was recognized by the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders for receiving the Morgan Weston National Boys Basketball Player of the Year Award.

Union County Freeholder Chairman Nicholas Scutari said, "In addition to his many honors, this young man demonstrated the outstanding characteristics of leadership, high moral standards and the values of being a student athlete. He is truly an outstanding citizen of the county and we are proud to call him our own."

In a resolution sponsored by Freeholder Lewis Mingo, Jr. of Plainfields, Williams was cited for his academic record in addition to his basketball skills. "This young man exemplifies the ideals of skill, dedication and high moral character which we rarely see anymore. His parents should be very proud. How refreshing it is to recognize a young athlete from Union County for his achievements." Freeholder Mingo said.

When asked to speak, Williams simply thanked his parents saying, "A lot of this is because of the support they have given me."



Star athlete, Jason Williams accompanied with his parents, Althea and Dave.

Rutgers basketball team takes it to the hoop for '99

By Gregory Moore
Contributing Writer

What two things do New Jersey Schoolboys stars Milt Wagner, Billy Thompson, David Rivers, Bobby Hurley, Tim Thomas, Rodrick Rhodes, and Luther Wright have in common? Number one, they were all first round NBA draft choices. Secondly, none of them played their college ball at Rutgers University. There are many reasons why the Scarlet Knights have failed to lose so many of our talent into state products. Looming largest among them however, is a simple four letter word F-E-A-R. Fear of rejection. Fear of wasting a limited recruiting budget on players who were presumed to not be interested in attending Rutgers. Fear of recruiting against perennial powers such as Duke, Louisville, and Notre Dame which annually flocked to New Jersey to pick the Garden State dry of its precious basketball resources. Historically, Rutgers has played the role of shy guy, unable to ask the prettiest women to the dance. The Rutgers inferiority complex was palpable and disheartening.

However, with the hiring of energetic young coach Kevin Bannon, Rutgers recruiting machine has gone from shy guy to a mack player. Rutgers is not only approaching the prettiest women but getting their digits! Rutgers' improved recruiting efforts can be traced to a couple of shrewd moves on Bannon's part. First, his hiring of former St. Anthony's star Danny Hurley, (the

son of the Friars head coach Bobby Hurley Sr.) helped build a bridge between Rutgers and St. Anthony's High School, which is one of the top prep programs in America. Hurley's hiring has already yielded a handsome return in the form of a 7-foot, 275 pound center Josh Moore. Moore of St. Thomas More Academy in Milford Connecticut, played his first three years at St. Anthony's and surely the Scarlet Knight's Hurley connection did not hinder its efforts to sign a player whom most recruiting experts regarded as one of the top 10 center prospects in the country — a player who under a previous Scarlet Knight regime, Rutgers would have probably conceded to a more glamorous out-of-state program. Secondly, Bannon has treated Geoff Billet, a product of central Jersey powerhouse Christian Brothers Academy, well. Keeping Geoff Billet happy helped Bannon sign Billet's younger brother Todd. Todd, who is also a Christian Brothers' product, is one of the top 10 high school point guards in America. In signing Todd Billet, Rutgers fought off schools such as Villanova, Virginia, and Princeton, which also coveted the heady playmaker.

By signing first team all-state selection Darnay Jones last year, and players such as Moore and Billet this year, Rutgers has signaled that every top player in New Jersey will be fought over. Look for Rutgers to continue its development into one of the top programs in the Big East Conference.



Pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act of 1975, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq.,
popularly known as the "Sunshine Law," the Newark Public School District
wishes to announce the following:

THE LOCATION OF THE APRIL 27, 1999 ADVISORY BOARD MEETING HAS BEEN

CHANGED TO:
THE BENJAMIN BANNER SCIENCE CENTER
460 LYONS AVENUE
NEWARK, NEW JERSEY
07102
6:00 P.M.
AT

Tentative Agenda:

- Public Participation
- Report of the State District Superintendent
- Education/Curriculum
- Legal (Vote)
- Operations
- Human Resources Services
- Finance
- Facilities
- Purchasing
- Report of the Advisory Board Chairman
- Adjournment

FORMAL ACTION MAY BE TAKEN AT THIS SESSION

Beverly L. Hall
State District Superintendent

March on Washington

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have situations like this in Chicago, New York, Texas and Memphis... You can't keep a people down that will stand up and speak boldly against what's going on. There's a resurrection coming."

James suggested blacks and other ethnicities should police their own communities to look after our children. He called the Clinton Administration to the forefront by stating the proposed \$40.5 million dedicated to the cultural sensitivity training of the police force will not bring back the lives of thousands of children who have been gunned down by the police.

Richie Perez, representing the National Congress for Puerto Rican Rights aroused the crowd when he talked about closing down the nation. "The next series of protest should be unplanned and unscheduled," stated Perez. "Let's agree on a time and a place. You take a bridge and we take a tunnel... Civil disobedience moves to a higher level. If I tell you Saturday at 12 nothing moves in downtown Manhattan all you have to tell me is that 12 noon on 'Saturday' nothing moves in DC." Perez' repatriations were not the only ones to end with injustice. There were, some new faces in the march as well.

An unsurmountable presence of the men in blue were marching with the protesters rather than barricading or arresting them. They brought another dynamic to the march on firming that there is indeed a national crisis.

Chief Deputy U.S. Marshall, Matthew Fogg has recently won a \$4 million lawsuit against Attorney General Janet Reno for racism. After 20 years of dedicated service, Fogg declared to the president that he has taken a stand. "We who wear the badge of justice must say no to those we call the bigots of justice. We must come forward and against all odds," exclaimed Fogg.

The emergency march brought families from all over the country and even world to a global support network where they can interact, console, and empower each other to ensure that this injustice is halted by any means necessary. It united organizations and officers like U.S. Marshall Fogg from DC, De Lacy Davis from New Jersey, Sgt. Louis Hopson from Maryland, and officer Juan Espinal from New York, to come together to see that they have to go on the front lines for each other in order to expose the existing racist and inhumane practices that exist in American communities.

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A closer look at Mumia Abu-Jamal

PISCATAWAY — Two programs produced by the People's Video Network will air in the local area and will serve to foster an understanding of the case of Mumia Abu-Jamal, the revolutionary journalist who many feel was wrongly convicted for the murder of a Philadelphia police officer in 1981. Mumia currently sits on Pennsylvania's Death Row and many groups and individuals from around the world have called for a new trial after evidence has shown the possibility of Mumia being framed and unjustly convicted because of his political beliefs. Mumia had written extensively about police corruption in Philadelphia and was a staunch defender of the MOVE organization.

On Saturday, April 24, 1999 — Mumia's birthday — Philadelphia will host Millions for Mumia, a demonstration that will bring people from around the world to demand a new trial for Mumia. To give local people an understanding of that weekend's event, and to counter reactions from various political groups, unions, and radio talk show hosts the following programs have been produced and will air back to back on the Piscataway Community Television Center (PCTC-34).

"Millions for Mumia" will air on April 19 beginning at 7:00 p.m., and April 21 beginning at 11 p.m. This program is the most up to date information on the case and struggle. It features interviews from Mumia's lawyer, Leonard Weinglass, lawyer Michael Tani, Warren, and Mumia himself.

"Rage for Mumia" will air on April 19 beginning at 7:30 p.m., and on April 21 at 11:30 p.m. This is about the concert, the governor, the police and NJ 105.9 demoralized.

"We ask viewers to avoid the propaganda conservatives and police organizations are passing out on this case," stated producer, Darlyne Lamont Jenkins. "Look at the case from the facts you will see on these two programs. Mumia should not be executed because the widow is hurting, because your grandfather was a cop, or for any other reason other than he committed the crime. After seeing the programs, I hope viewers will have a different outlook."

"Millions for Mumia" and "Rage for Mumia" will only be seen in the following New Jersey communities: Piscataway, Green Brook, Brook, South Bound Brook, Dunellen, Somerville, Manville, Raritan, Bridgewater and Middlesex. Other communities around the country will also air the programs on their public access station.

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